

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2017
1:30 p.m.

A regular board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Pearlman
Steven Clark
Rebecca Hensley
Lisa Nelson Brown
Michael Hoagland
Tobie Brown (after 1:45pm)

DPL STAFF

Robin Vick, Admin. Section Supervisor
Megan Woodson, Board Administrator

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Marcus Jones, Board Attorney

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Naiser
William J. Brown

GUESTS

Carson Kerr, Office of Legal Services

CALL TO ORDER

Peter Pearlman called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hoagland made a motion to approve the July minutes. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for July was reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Ms. Woodson presented an email from Commissioner, Larry Brown, regarding future technology possibilities for DPL.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Jones discussed the amendments to KRS 335B and provided members with copies of the statute to review for future discussions regarding amendments to the Board's laws. Mr. Jones also advised of the creation of KRS 13A.3102 and provided the Board with copies to review along with their current regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Legislative Review Committee report.

The Board briefly discussed over the counter hearing aid sales and the proposed laws pertaining to the over the counter sales. The Board will continue to follow this development.

The Board will continue the discussion on apprentice permit expiration dates and renewals.

The Board briefly discussed the ILE and making the testing requirements clear to the HIS community. The Board requested that Ms. Woodson bring copies of standard correspondence mailed to applicants to the next board meeting for review and discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board review correspondence from Larry Minix regarding continuing education. Ms. Hensley will respond to Mr. Minix.

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Gina Angley regarding remote hearing aid care. Ms. Angley asked if a hearing instrument specialist license is required for someone who performs remote hearing aid follow-up care via electronic means and does not sell hearing aids in the state of Kentucky. The Board discussed and advised that unless someone is physically working in the state of Kentucky, a license is not required. Ms. Woodson will respond to Ms. Angley's inquiry.

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence from Ted Laughlin regarding the Professional Training in Hearing Health Sciences course he is currently enrolled in. Mr. Clark made a motion that Mr. Laughlin can bypass Stage I and Stage II of his apprenticeship once he completes the course and submits proof of completion to the Board. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and it carried. Ms. Woodson will respond to Mr. Laughlin.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaints Committee made the following recommendations:

2016-03 - Ongoing
2017-03 - Dismissed
2017-04 – Dismissed
17-KBHI-0232 - Ongoing

Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the recommendations of the Complaints Committee and they carried.

APPLICATIONS

The Applications Committee made the following recommendations:

Approve Apprentice Permit Applications:

- Keith Gander
- Phillip Sammons

Ms. Brown seconded the recommendations of the applications committee and they carried.

Approve Matthew Blake's apprentice permit application as his felony conviction does not relate to the HIS profession. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Hoagland motioned to approve travel and per diem for the August 10, 2017 meeting. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Board office. The Complaints Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Clark made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 2:55p.m. Motion, seconded by Mr. Hoagland, carried.

Minutes Prepared by
Megan Woodson
August 15, 2017